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PLANNING OF STAY-BEHIND RADIO CIRCUITS

1. Secure communication with a U. S. controlled base is essential to make a stay-behind underground cell effective. The success of such communication will depend on the proper organization of clandestine radio circuits.

2. A circuit is defined as a single radio link. When activated, it will include all the following elements:

a. In the field: Radio operator, signal plan, ciphers, crystals, radio transmitter-receiver equipment, secure transmission sites, and a secure hook-in to a covert agent or network.

b. At a U. S. controlled base: Radio transmitter-receiver installation and personnel, signal plan, and ciphers.

3. The Foreign Branches, in close coordination with COMMO, will draw up plans for stay-behind radio circuits.

4. The Foreign Branches shall be responsible for (a) recruiting and controlling agent radio operators, (b) assuring the secure delivery and caching of equipment, (c) prescribing the method by which contact may be established and maintained between the agent radio operator and the information-producing agent or net, and (d) prescribing the conditions under which transmission shall commence.

5. COMMO shall be responsible for (a) providing the radio facilities and equipment necessary to meet the operational needs of the Foreign Branches,

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(b) assisting the Foreign Branches in assessing potential agent radio operators, and (c) affording technical training to such operators.

6. A record of progress made in implementing plans for stay-behind radio circuits shall be kept in the Foreign Branches. This record shall be in the form of a specific file on each stay-behind circuit. Data from such files will be available to COMMO whenever necessary. Each file will be broken down into the following sections and, insofar as possible, will include data, as shown:

a. Communication Plan

- (1) Name of signal plans and cryptonyms of custodians.
- (2) Whether crystals have been issued.
- (3) Cryptonym of crypto plan custodian.
- (4) Location of signal plans, crystals, and crypto plans and/or material by map.
- (5) Method of concealment in the field.
- (6) Cryptonym of radio operator(s) who will activate the plans.
- (7) Place of activation.
- (8) Conditions that will decide activation.
- (9) Means of notifying COMMO of activation.
- (10) Operational plan (or plans) and cover employed.
- (11) Agents (by cryptonym) to be serviced by radio operator.

b. Radio Operator

- (1) Personal data.
- (2) Control.
- (3) Training.
- (4) Status.
- (5) Operational plans.

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STAY-BEHIND RADIO CIRCUITS

The form for reporting the status of stay-behind radio circuits is to be used as follows:

Location:

Full details of the place or places in the field from which each circuit will be activated are not to be stated in the report, but must be recorded by the Foreign Branch in the Communication Plan file. COMMO usually requires only the approximate location (within 10% of the circuit operating distance).

Operation:

All cryptonyms used to identify the operation will be listed.

Operator:

The cryptonym of each agent radio operator will be listed.

Signal Plan:

The signal plan name covers both signal plan and crypto plans and materials. It will be assigned by COMMO.

Radio Base Station (or Stations):

The base station into which the circuit will operate will be designated by COMMO.

Conditions of Activation:

"Evacuation of Berlin", "Evacuation of Korea", etc. Include a brief statement on (a) means of alerting base station, and (b) means of alerting field operator.

Present Custodian of Signal Plans:

List cryptonym of actual custodian of signal plan and crystals as of date of report.

Present Custodian of Crypto Plans and Materials:

List cryptonym of actual custodian as of date of report.

Custodian of Crypto Plans after Activation:

This is especially important (a) in checking on the possibility of the operator being doubled, (b) for interpretation of service traffic by COMMO.

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Location of Base Copy of Crypto Plan:

The base copy is kept in the place where traffic is deciphered, which is normally near OSO headquarters.

Location of Reserve Copy of Crypto Plan:

This refers to location in an alternate base not necessarily Washington.

Radio Sets Available:

Number and types of sets and other equipment. Location of all buried sets will be recorded in detail in the Foreign Branches. Normally there will be two complete transmitter-receiver sets for each signal plan.

Equipment Available Locally:

The better radio operators already have or can build their own equipment. Indicate items of equipment available locally.

Document Giving Location of Equipment:

Reference number of dispatch or cable. COMMO must be informed of the physical condition and availability of buried equipment.

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